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LB 357

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brashear would offer AM2149. (Legislative Journal page 2234.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 357, AM2149.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, specifically for the record, as I indicated in the opening on LB 357, the amendment reduces slightly the amount in order to reconcile, and we knew from the introduction of the bill that we were going to have to make this reconciliation. This reconciles with numbers provided in the budget and by the Governor's Office. As originally introduced, LB 357 provided for an increase in salary of the judges of 4.5 percent for each of the fiscal years involved, and this amendment lowers that salary increase so that, as I indicated, it is 3.1 percent for Fiscal Year 2001-02; and 4.3 percent rather than 4.5 percent for Fiscal Year 2002-03. That is what the amendment does. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM2149 to LB 357 offered by Senator Brashear. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator...there are no lights on. Senator Brashear, did you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Brashear waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2149 be adopted to LB 357? All in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the amendment offered by Senator Brashear to LB 357. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Amendment is adopted. Open for discussion now on advancement of LB 357. Open for discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as of this time yesterday I was bound and determined to do everything I could to kill this bill. I won't go into all the